HIGHER EDUCATION

Agency 360

University of Washington

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

2005-07 Expenditure Authority	Annual FTEs General Fund State		Other Funds	Total Funds
	19,759.7	680,762	3,093,928	3,774,690
Supplemental Changes				
Pacific Northwest Seismic Network	2.0	400		400
Policy Consensus Center	1.0	100		100
Life Sciences Research		2,430		2,430
Resource Conservation Manager	.7			
SmartBuy		(177)		(177)
Pension Plan 1 Unfunded Liabilities			2,892	2,892
Classification Revisions		(69)	(70)	(139)
Central Service Agency Charges		17	6	23
Subtotal - Supplemental Changes	3.7	2,701	2,828	5,529
Total Proposed Budget	19,763.4	683,463	3,096,756	3,780,219
Difference	3.7	2,701	2,828	5,529
Percent Change	0.0%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%

SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES

Pacific Northwest Seismic Network

Funding is provided to update the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network, which has long provided effective monitoring for the state. The network's technological foundation has changed very little since 1980, and its staff is behind in maintaining and developing improvements that would achieve better warning and rapid notification of earthquake-related information. Recent developments in seismology, communications, and software make it relatively inexpensive to upgrade capabilities to ensure the delivery of timely information.

Policy Consensus Center

Washington State University and the University of Washington will develop a Policy Consensus Center (PCC) to offer assistance in resolving public policy conflicts. The PCC's mission is to act as a neutral source of expertise in order to improve the availability and quality of voluntary collaborative approaches to policy development and multi-party disputes. The PCC will assist government, tribal, business, agricultural, environmental, and other community leaders.

Life Sciences Research

The University of Washington will operate a research facility near Lake Union for its medical school. Staff funding leverages private and federal investments to make a significant total contribution to the state's medical and economic well-being.

Resource Conservation Manager

Although the University of Washington has achieved considerable energy savings in its facilities, opportunities for additional savings are not being realized because no single person has the sole responsibility for maximizing utility savings. In cooperation with private utilities, the University of Washington will hire a resource conservation manager to achieve additional electrical and natural gas savings at its campus facilities.